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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2004.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-14 and 17, drawn to table saw safety device with a detection, classified in class 83, subclass 62.1.
 - II. Claims 15-16, drawn to a table saw having a braking positioning device that prevents the brake mechanism from raising and lowering relative to the table when the blade is raised and lowered, classified in class 83, subclass 477.2.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. For example, the invention of Group I having detection system which has a separate utility such as it could be used without the brake positioning system, which prevents the brake mechanism from raising and lowering relative to the table, of Group II; conversely; the invention of Group II having a brake positioning system which has a separate utility such as it could be used without the detection device of Group I. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

3. If applicant elects Group I above then applicant must further elect from the following groups:
 - A. Claims 2-5, drawn to table saw having a positioning members which pivots around the arbor, classified in class 83, subclass 477.2.
 - B. Claims 7-9, drawn to a table saw having a subframe holding the blade and the adjustment mechanism relative to the table, classified in class 83, subclass 490.

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C. Claims 10-11, drawn to table saw having a rack assembly coupled to the positioning member, classified in class 83, subclass 490.

D. Claims 12 and 17, drawn to a table saw having a detection system to detect contact between a person and the blade, classified in class 83, subclass 62.1.

E. Claims 13-14, drawn to a table saw having a brake mechanism located adjacent the back of the blade, classified in class 83, subclass 781.

4. It should be noted that claim 1 links the inventions of Groups A-E and claim 6 links Groups B and C. The restriction requirement of the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claim 1. Upon the allowance of the linking claims, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claims will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Applicant's are advised that if any such claims depending from or including all the limitations of the allowance linking claims is/are presented in a continuation or divisional application, the claims of the continuation or divisional application may be subjected to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejection over the claims of the instant application. Where a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. In re Ziegler, 44 F. 2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131;32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP 804.01.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

5. Inventions of Groups A-E are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if

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they are shown to be separately usable. For example, the invention of Group A having a positioning member pivoting around the arbor which has a separate utility such as it could be used without the rack assembly of Group C; conversely, the invention of Group C having a rack assembly which has separate utility such as it could be used without the positioning member of Group A. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

6. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purpose as indicated is proper.

7. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

8. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor or at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ghassem Alie whose telephone number is (703) 305-4981.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on (703) 305-1082. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9302 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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July 19, 2004


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